## **Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners**

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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re:

MB Docket No. 04-289, RM-10802

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Because our county and the northeastern region of North Carolina is rural by nature, many citizens in our area rely on satellite to receive television programming. Unfortunately, citizens in several of our neighboring counties cannot now receive North Carolina's public television network, UNC-TV, by satellite.

We understand that an administrative change by the FCC in the city of license of our regional UNC-TV network station, WUND, will assure that thousands of citizens in our neighboring northeast counties will have access to UNC-TV network programming. This programming, much of which consists of news, public affairs, cultural and educational programming about North Carolina, is of great interest and importance to our northeast region and the citizens of the region.

Since the UNC-TV network is paid for and supported by taxpayers throughout our state, it is unfair that all of the citizens in the northeast region of the state cannot now receive their state public TV network by satellite. We urge the FCC to change that by redesignating WUND's city of license to Edenton.

The County Commissioners of Tyrrell County in which Columbia is located do not view this proposed change in the city of license of WUND an abandonment in any way of service to the citizens of Columbia or Tyrrell County. WUND serves the region and should be available by satellite to all citizens in their region.

We think the change will further our regional efforts at economic development and make our region an even more attractive area in which to work and live.

Sincerely,

J. D. Brickhouse **County Administrator** 

Tom Howe, General Manager Cc:

**UNC-TV** 

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has served a copy of the foregoing Comments on Petitioner, The University of North Carolina, by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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